

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS FOR YELLOW PERCH

The Department is considering changing the size limits for commercial hook and line to be consistent with other commercial harvest methods (8 ½” minimum size limit and an 11” maximum size limit). Currently, the commercial yellow perch hook and line fishery operates under the same size and daily creel limits as the recreational hook and line yellow perch fishery (9 inch minimum size limit and a 10 fish daily creel limit). The proposed change will change the size limits for commercial hook and line to an 8 ½” minimum size limit and an 11” maximum size limit, while retaining the 10 fish per day limit. This change will provide consistency among all commercial harvesting methods. This change is requested by commercial fishermen. There would be no biological effect on the population, and will standardize all size limits among the commercial fishery.

Scoped at the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission and Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission meetings in October 2016